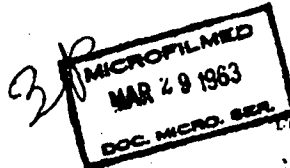


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To: Mr. Donald L. Johnson  
Chief, Security Division  
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Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ANDREJ ARTUKOVICH, was  
Andreja Artukovic, Andrija Artukovic,  
Aleks Antich  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bureau file 100-361910

Reference is made to previous communications from this Bureau to you concerning the above-captioned person. A recent broadcast by columnist Drew Pearson and recent news articles have directed public attention to the subject who has been described as the "Hitler of Yugoslavia", and who came to this country several years ago under an assumed name as a fugitive from the Communist Government of his native country.

This Bureau has been advised by a reliable confidential informant that the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C., is very anxious to have the American press build up the story of Artukovich's collaboration with the Germans during World War II. This source reported that the Yugoslav Embassy claims that Artukovich was a Croatian "Detaski" leader who actually declared war against the United States during World War II. Milos Gugar, Counselor, and Mirko Bruner, First Secretary, Yugoslav Embassy, reportedly last noted the "Yugoslav Information Center", New York City, New York, to keep this matter publicized as the Yugoslav Government is very anxious to have the United States return Artukovich to Yugoslavia to stand trial for his collaboration with the Germans. Bruner desires the information publicized that Artukovich was the right-hand man of Ante Pavelic and was responsible for the murder of thousands of Serbs and Jews. The informant reported that he had learned that Yugoslavia had attempted to have Artukovich

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returned to his native country in 1946. It was further reported by a reliable informant of this Bureau that Yugoslav Ambassador Vladimir Popovic instructed his staff not to publish anything concerning Artukovich in the Yugoslav language publications as the American radio stations have widely broadcast the same information. The informant reported that Ljubal Dradio of the Yugoslav Information Center, New York City, will advise Belgrade as to what is being published in the American press. The informant said that Frank Rogers will furnish all of the details to Dradio concerning the atrocities allegedly committed by Artukovich in order that Dradio can release this information to all American papers. The informant further reported that Frank Rogers of the Los Angeles "Daily News" advised Virko Bruner on May 7, 1951, that he, Rogers, had contacted some people in the State Department and learned that the State Department officials expect to make an answer to Bruner's note on Artukovich this week. Mr. Rogers added that the State Department informed him that this Department was going to inform the Yugoslav Embassy that the extradition of Artukovich would have to go to the United States District Court. The informant also reported that Frank Rogers also told Bruner that he thinks Artukovich will be refused in his request for permanent entry into the United States under the Displaced Persons Law and he will then be subject to deportation proceedings. Rogers also stated that it appeared to him that the State Department will likely start deportation proceedings and then go ahead with the extradition, deporting Artukovich to some place where the Yugoslav Government could not get its hands on him. Rogers expressed the belief that Artukovich should be handed over to the Yugoslavs and requested Bruner to advise him of the State Department's actions. The informant further reported that Bruner agrees with Rogers but expects that Artukovich will escape and he cannot understand the State Department's attitude.

The above is submitted to you for your confidential information and should not be disseminated outside of your agency. Additional pertinent information in this matter coming to the attention of this Bureau will be immediately made available to you.

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